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### **JPEO JTRS Announces CISCHR Contract Award**

SAN DIEGO – On June 18, 2007, prior to the expected award date, the Joint Program Executive Office, Joint Tactical Radio System (JPEO JTRS) awarded the Consolidated, Interim, Single-Channel Handheld Radio (CISCHR) contract to Thales and Harris corporations. The purpose of the contract vehicle is to increase the purchasing power of DoD by combining orders across the services and DoD agencies. This strategy rapidly delivers software defined JTRS approved radios capable of adding additional functions through software improvements over time.

The Multiple Award, Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract vehicle provides the government with the advantage of executing the Services' radio orders more quickly and therefore getting the radios to the warfighter faster. The IDIQ contract supports a firm-fixed-price contract, allowing the government to drive down the cost of these radios from either contract vendor, Thales or Harris.

The CISCHR project serves as an interim provider of the approved single-channel handheld radios until the 2-channel JTRS HMS handheld radios are fielded. Currently, two radios are under contract. Both of these are NSA compliant, SCA-compliant, and within cost of DoD's historical "range of affordability." Beneficial to JTRS development and production, reductions in cost are leveraged by combining DoD's planned handheld radio procurements across the Future Years Defense Program.

The CISCHR contract will be re-solicited yearly, allowing more vendors to compete as their radios become JTRS approved, providing even more affordable capability to the warfighter.

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